Germans Clear Out Civilians East to Courtrai-Thourout Line

Canadians Press Closer to Lens

Crown Prince Makes Futile Assaults on French at Several Points

ated by the civilian population, according to a dispatch to the Havas Agency from Hazebrouck. From the present ducted us said it was a dull morning. German front east of Ypres and Dixmude as far as the line of Courtrai-

the British guns for several weeks, following Haig's successes in the Ypres

The reason for this move is not given. It may mean that the German army is preparing for a withdrawal on a large scale from this threatened region, where their hold daily becomes more precarious. It is probable, however, that the population is withdrawing to escape from the destructive fire of the British batteries, which are finding out most of the positions for behind the German lines, and also from the bombs of British airmen, who have been carrying out extensive raids throughout this territory in the last few weeks.

plane so high as to be hardly visible. Indeed, we should not have seen it but for the telltaic shrappel. These were our guns, and this was no friend. Now it was almost over our heads.

Dodging Shrappel

It seemed intent upon attacking one of the British captive halloons, which could only stand and wait. The guns were snarling now. We were close very raids throughout this territory in the last few weeks.

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The dispatch reads:
"Western Flanders is being evacuated as far as the line of Courtral-Thourout (this line running to the east, respectively, of Ypres and Dixmude). It was learned to-day that many refugees are being cared for at Ghent, large numbers of them arriving from Roulers (northeast of Ypres), which the English are bombarding the English are bombarding

"The population of Courtrai has been authorized by the German military officials to leave if they desire, and a majority of them have departed. Refugees from Northern France and Flanders are going to Limbourg."

Meanwhile the British troops are continuing their steady advance along the Ypres line, and the artillery activity has reached a pitch of great intensity, according to Berlin's admission.

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The Canadians early this morning again smashed forward against the outer shell of Lens and carried their lines along a front of a third of a mile, shout 250 yards nearer the centre of the coal city on the north. A number of prisoners belonging to the 2d Prussian Guard Reserve Regiment were brought back.

While this operation was in progress another party of Canadians advanced castward for a considerable distance along the enemy's communication trenches, according to reports from Canadian Army Headquarters. The Germans are declared to have been forced out of their first line defences into shell craters that afford only an unstable foothold. Explosions continue to be heard in the heart of the city, which at some points is separated from

which at some points is separated from the British lines by only 800 yards. The Crown Prince continued his at-tacks on the Aisne and at Verdun to-day, but with the usual lack of suc-cess. German shock troops suffered severe casualties in attempts against the French lines near the Hurtebise Farm, Paris declares, while on the right bank of the Meuse three German assaults on minor posts on the edge of Caurieres Wood were beaten back.

Petsin's forces meanwhile carried through successful raids in the Chamnormeast of preserved and the Argonne, penetrating the enemy's lines on a front of 800 yards along the Souain-Somme Py road and inficting heavy damages on the German works there, as well as to the

## Foe Evacuating Britons Cheer Air Champions. Big Area on Duelling Two Miles in the Sky

British Front Land Guns Futile, for Hostile Aviator Has Forty Seconds to Dodge-Rival Machines Their Only Peril, and Battle Aloft Appears as Bantam Fight

By Heywood Broun

(Accredited to the Pershing Army in France for The New York Tribune and Syndicate)

THE BRITISH FRONT, Aug. 16 .-An American soldier purchased an English-French phrase book in Paris because it listed "war terms" in its

But I have found that grandstand. We occupied a box for almost an hour LONDON, Sept. 4 .- A great stretch yesterday, and in that time the proof Western Flanders is being evacu- gramme included a duel between two

Thourout the people are leaving their the fliers were out in force. Almost homes and pouring into Ghent and Lim- two dozen British planes were to be bourg, these advices state. Even the seen from the hilltop, as well as several full bourg, these advices state. Even the population of Courtral has departed.

The territory being evacuated amounts to nearly 200 square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the amounts to nearly 200 square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles are miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles are miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles are miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles are miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles are miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles are miles and they drew no fire, but presently the square miles are miles and the sky began to grow woelly. Little round white patches appeared, one against the other, cutting the sky into great fiannel figures. Then we saw above it all a not too highly extolled road. includes the important city of Roulers, sky began to grow woolly. Little round which has been under heavy fire from white patches appeared, one against the plane so high as to be hardly visible. for the telltale shrapnel. These were "Ask him," I answered hoarsely,

our guns, and this was no friend. Now it was almost over our heads.

Dodging Shrapnel

It seemed intent upon attacking one of the British captive balloons, which could only stand and wait. The guns were snarling now. We were close enough to hear the anger in every shot. The shrapnel broke behind, below, above and in front of the aero-plane, but on it sailed, untouched, like glass ball in a Buffalo Bill shooting

Yet here was no poor marksmanship, for at ten thousand feet the air pilot has forty seconds to dodge each shell. He morely has to watch the flash of the gun and then dive or rise or slide to right or left. Sometimes, indeed, the shrapnel lays a finger on him, but he whirls away out of its grip like a quarterback in a broken field. The guns stopped firing, although the German was still above the British lines. Somebody was up to tackle him at closer range.

where our 'plane came from we did not know. The sky was filled all morning with English filers, but each appeared to have definite work in hand, and not one paid the slightest attention to the German intruder. This attention to the German. When we caught sight of the English flier he had manguvered into a position behad manguvered into a position becaught the flashes from the machine gurs, but we could hear no sound of the fight above us.

'planes darted forward and back. and neither was able to put in a finishing blow. Our stolld guiding officer was up on his toes now and rooting as if it were some sporting event in progress. Looking upward at his comrade, ten thousand feet aloft, he cried: "Let him have it!"

German Airman Flees.

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BRITISH

LONDON, Sept. 4 (DAY).-The enemy's

man and he turned and made for his own lines. The Englishman pursued him for a time and then gave up the chase. The consensus of opinion was that the Briton had won the decision

on points.

Next we turned our attention to the big gun firing. We could see the flash of the guns on both sides and hear the whistle of the shells, with the occasional whine of shrapnel. After the flash one might mark the result if he because it listed "war terms" in its table of contents. Later he demolished the book, for when he turned to "war terms" the first question offered in two languages was, "Where is the grandstand?"

But I have found that grandstand, armies, and of the two sounds that of armies, and of the two sounds that of

the more pleasant.

shell on that road or thereabouts.

Didn't Care to Venture 'Do you want to go?" asked the of-

ed the hill together as closely as Mr. and Mrs. John Jo Anderson.

"Lord Northcliffe," said my companion, "once told me, Remember, the thing for you to do is always bring yourself and the story back."

Wonderful man, Lord Northcliffe!

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I am not at all sure that our guiding officer was not having a bit of fun with us. Certainly he lost no chance to drive home the dramatic. We went to Vimy Ridge in the afternoon, which was once the centre of so much fierce fighting, and climbed over trench after trench. Across this ground first the French and then the English had fought the Germans. There were hundreds of cartridges, fired and unfredgun stocks, twisted bayonets and any number of live and forbidding band grenades of the German "hairbrush" variety.

The ridge itself was just another of those treeless welts across a punished

Where Hell Had Raged

BERLIN, Sept. 4 .- Front of Crown Prince

Rupprecht.—In the afternoon the artillery activity in Flanders, on the coast between

Langemarck and Warneton increased to

our positions, during which some English prisoners were taken. At night the enemy

Official Statements

to go."
He did not wait for me. We descend-Report not Confirmed

Of enormous strategic and military importance, its worth to the sightseer was slight, unless he could bring to mind the hells which had raged there, the sweep of the charging men and the triumph of the Canadians. The guns had gone on further. Battered old Vimy had traded its grass and its trees for memories. Not even the poppies had come to it yet. "We must get along now," said the

## Italian Airmen Shower Bombs On Austrian Fleet

Nine Tons of Explosives Dropped on Pola Land and Sea Forces

Plan Trap for Teutons

London "Daily Mail" Has Report Monte San Gabriele Has Fallen

LONDON, Sept. 4 .- A squadron of thirty Italian seroplanes carried out a destructive raid on the great Austrian naval base at Pola last night. Nine the shells coming toward us was much | tons of bombs were dropped on the yesterday, and in that time the programme included a duel between two aeroplanes, an explosion and no end of big-gun firing. The officer who conducted us said it was a dull morning.

Our day on the hill was a clear one after three days of low clouds, and all the fiers were out in force. Almost Austrian fleet at anchor in the harbor

to foreshadow a great naval offensive against the Austrian base, where the Austrian fleet and an army said to number several hundred thousand men have been locked up by Allied naval forces operating in the Gulf of Trieste.

New Drive Looked For Dispatches issuing from the Rome War Office yesterday stated that the Anglo-Italian naval units had moved to within eight miles of Pola and intimat-ed that a combined sea and air drive

against the enemy base might be ex-Meanwhile, along the Isonzo battle Meanwhile, along the Isonzo battle front Cadorna's troops continue to develop their extraordinary successes of the last three weeks, in the face of growing opposition from the reinforced masses of the enemy. According to advices to "The Daily Mail" they have conquered Monte San Gabriele, the towering peak northeast of Gorizia that has checked their advance eastward and southward in that region.

Report not Confirmed

This report is not confirmed officially This report is not confirmed ometally, however, and may be premature. At any rate, the fall of this powerful position means only a matter of days. In spite of the desperate efforts of the Austrians to retain their hold on the summit, Italian pickets are rushing up the slopes foot by foot. Even greater efforts are being made by the Austrian command to safeguard Monte Hermade, which bars the way to Trieste. Disputches from Switzerland say that the patches from Switzerland say that the Teuton factories are working night and day to supply heavy artillery for its protection.

protection.
It is reported from Innsbruck that, after several urgent appeals, Field Marshal von Hindenburg has consented to send two divisions of Bavarian troops from the Russian to the Isonzo front to strengthen the Austrian defence. Meanwhile Field Marshal von Arz, chief of staff of the Austrian army, is reported to be inspecting the Italian front for the purpose of reorganizing his troops after their recent demoralizing defeats.

Portuguese Seamen Rebel MADRID, Sept. 4 (via London, Brit ish Admiralty, by Wireless Press). Muntinies have broken out aboard some

The hostile attitude of the spectators or something else discouraged the Ger- road," he added. Norway Lost 21 Ships in August LONDON. Sept. 4.—According to LONDON, Sept. 4.—According to forwegian advices, twenty-one Nor-Norwegian advices, twenty-one Nor-wegian merchant ships, with an aggre-gate tonnage of more than 41,000, were lost in August. Twenty-three seamen were killed and five are missing.

### British Farmer Fined \$27,500

SPALDING, England, Sept. 4.— George Thompson, a Lincolnshire far-mer, was fined £5,500 (about \$27,500) to-day for selling potatoes at above the maximum prices fixed by the food conwith the bringing back of prisoners and the destruction of certain gas installations pene-trated enemy trenches along a front of 800 metres and to the entire depth of the enemy's troller.



Army Officers' uniforms. "Westpointer" shoes, officers' Stetson hats, puttees-everything a solgreat intensity. In the Ypres bend minor engagements developed on the forefield of

Draft Men! Attention

prisoners were taken. At night the enemy attacked northwest of Lens and temporarily penetrated our line. He was ejected almost immediately by a counter atack.

Front of the German Crown Prince.—In Champagne the French attacked after drumfire on the Somme Py-Squain road. Our counter attacks ejected them from a trench which had previously been evacuated by us.

Theartillery duel before Verdun assumed great intensity during the evening. Throughout the night the artillery on the cast bank of the Meuse lay under our destructive fire.

Front of Archduke Albrecht. West, of the Moselle some French prisoners were hrought in as the result of a powerful reconnoisance mear Remenauville.

During the night of Sunday our airmen dropped bombs on Calais and Dunkirk. Fires which resulted were visible throughout the entire day.

Vertexion Duver, and last night Chatham.

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The Great War-1131st Day Arrest of Grand Duke May Be Aid to Russian Royalists

> Michael Recognized as Candidate for Throne in Plebiscite, a Right Used as Lever in Monarchical

Propaganda

By Isaac Don Levine The arrest of Grand Duke Michael

legal candidate for the throne gave his supporters an excellene opportunity for royalist propaganda. From the strictly legal point of view Grant Duke Michael was entitled to such propaganda, as his conditional abdication, by virtue of its recognition by the Provisional Gov-ernment, gave him the right to appeal to the voters for a monarchical form of government. of government.

reactionaries utilized Grand enemy, returned safely to their bases. Duke Michael's position for their pur-This successful air attack is believed poses. Many rural priests, who re-lowing special dismain loyal to the institution of Czar-gainst the Austrian base, where the gainst the Austrian base, where the government, on the ground that it had "cheated" Grand Duke Michael out of his rights. Thus the brother of Nicholas II became, perhaps unwittingly,

case is more complicated, and it lends itself easily to misrepresentation. The arrest of Michatel is, therefore, The arrest of Grand Duke Michael and his wife reveals the extent of the suppressed plot to restore Czarism. Michael was Czar of Russia for one day when Nicholas abdicated in his favor during the revolution. He then abdicated in favor of the Provisional should determine by a plebiscite their form of government. He thereby remained a candidate for the throne in case Russia should become a monarchy. Government till the Russian people His arrest is an indication of the formidableness of the monarchical movement in Russia. His position as a legal candidate for the throne gave his supporters an excellent opportunity for

# Appeals to Workers

Before taking part in the air attack on Pola, the Austrian port, the Italian poet, D'Annunzio, dropped a message on Milan. The "Bolletino della Sera," of this city, yesterday received the following special dispatch from Rome de-

scribing this act:

"Gabriele D'Annunzio, before leaving Milan, flew in his aeroplane over
the stressed dropped the following mes"Wilan the donor!"

to be represented at the feet of the conquer himself. Let each arm we follow the following mes"Wilan the donor!"

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weapon. Untiring diligence for the city and dropped the following message on the Piazza del Duomo:

the centre of gravity of the monarchistic agitation. To monarchists it is always essential to have a personality with claims as their hero. They could not make out a case for the exCzer, because he had unconditionally signed his throng away. But Michael's "From the height of this armed

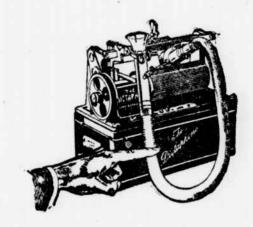


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heroism. "Therefore the workingma

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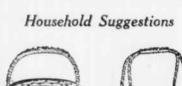
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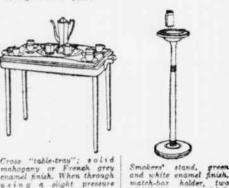
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Yesterday nineteen enemy airmen and two captive balloons were abot down. Baron von Richthofen achieved his sixty-first aerial victory. Lieutenant Muller, who recently was promoted to the rank of vice-sergeant on account of his services, brought down his twenty-seventh machine.

Corners"

at 41st St.